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In re Application of:

Hiraoki OKAMOTO et al

Appln. No.: 09/601,474

Date Filed: October 17, 2000

For: METHOD OF FORMING PROTECTIVE COATING ON...

Art Unit: 1745

Washington, Willa

Confirmation No. 7869

March 18, 2003

REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to Paper No. 8, the Official Action mailed December 18, 2002, please amend as follows according to the Revised Format (PTO Notice of February 20, 2003):

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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

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XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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